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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office action dated October 30, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.